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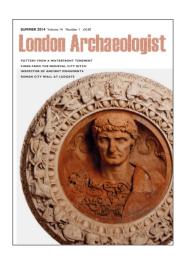
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A terracotta roundel of the Emperor Tiberius, one of eleven commissioned by Cardinal Wolsey from the Florentine Giovanni de Maiano in 1521. These were designed for several locations, including Greenwich Palace but were mainly for Hampton Court Palace, London's most complex scheduled monument. They are considered to be amongst the earliest Renaissance sculptures in England, but have deteriorated over time, through exposure to weather, and have recently undergone an extensive and detailed programme of conservation and research led by the Historic Royal Palaces conservation team. They are now visible in all their glory. Monitoring such work falls within the remit of London's Inspector of Ancient Monuments, Jane Sidell, the subject of the Just the job feature on p 24.

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